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SUBJ: PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST DELEGATION VISITS IRAQ

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1. LOCAL PRESS ON MAY 13 AND 14 REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF A TWO-MAN
DELEGATION OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY. THE DELEGATION CALLED
ON DR. ZAID HAIDER, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMAND OF THE ARAB BAATH

SOCIALIST PARTY. NAMES OF PUERTO RICANS WERE NOT MENTIONED.

2. HEAD OF PUERTO RICAN DELEGATION WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT PUERTO
RICAN PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN RELENTLESS STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN
IMPERIALISM, BOTH ON PUERTO RICAN TERRITORY AND IN THE U.S. ITSELF,
PLEDGE UNRESERVED SUPPORT TO REVOLUTION MOUNTED BY THE ARAB PEOPLE OF
PALESTINE FOR LIBERATING THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SETTING UP A
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

3. DELEGATION ALSO PUBLICLY COMPLIMENTED ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARAB BAATH
SOCIALIST PARTY IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL SPHERE
AND PRAISED ITS ROLE IN ENHANCING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS THANKS FOR THE MORAL AND MATERIAL
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ASSISTANCE WHICH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BAATH PARTY AND THE (ARAB)

REVOLUTION HAVE BEEN RENDERING TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE.

4. COMMENT: IRAQIS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO USE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AS MEANS TO FURTHER THEIR CLAIMS TO LEADERSHIP ROLE AMONG THIRD WORLD NATIONS. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE SEEN THAT IRAQIS MAY HAVE GIVEN MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE "STRUGGLE OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE."

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